

Appl. No. 09/884,534
Atty. Docket No. 8526M
Amdt. dated October 15, 2004
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REMARKS

Claims 1-14; 16-25; and 36-43 are pending in the present application. No additional fees are believed to be due.

Claims 1, 8, 19, 42, and 43 have been amended without prejudice to further clarify the invention.

Claims 15, 30 and 31 have been canceled.

Claim 1 has been amended with support for the amendment found inter alia in original claim 19.

It is believed these changes do not involve any introduction of new matter. Consequently, entry of these changes is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) & U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1-14; 16-25; and 36-43 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over WO 00/024852; 462,806, and WO 00/06690. Applicants amend claim 1 to include "a phase separation inducing polymer, wherein the polymer has a molecular weight about 2,000". Applicant submits the rejections are overcome.

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Conclusion

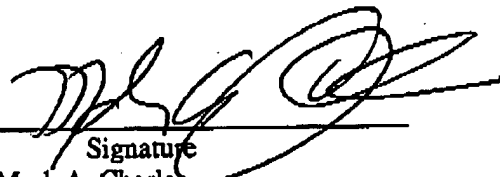
In light of the above remarks, it is requested that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) and 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of this application, entry of the amendments presented herein, and allowance of Claims 1-14, 16-25 and 36-43 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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